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In connection with this matter, Chicago informant CG 5913-C, who had identified LA JOY as one of the participants in the bank robbery, was contacted relative to this film and could not furnish any information concerning it. This informant was very close to LA JOY during this period.

It was my intention, at such time as the motion to return the film was handled by the court, to submit the films to the FBI Laboratory for review and for whatever assistance the Laboratory could give me in connection with the ITOM investigation. I now realize that I should have advised the Bureau that the films were not being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory because of motions by defense counsel, and that the Bureau would then have been aware of the action being taken regarding these films. The Bureau will be advised of our retention of the film and the proposed action to be taken when the motions are adjudicated.

ASAC W. B. WELTE: I recognize the fact that the Bureau should
(10/5/64) have been advised that the film has been
WBW:wmn retained by this office and was not being
submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination
inasmuch as the film was subject to a motion by the defense
counsel for its immediate return to LA JOY. The judge has not
rendered a decision and it has been continually postponed. I
think that the Chicago Office was justified under the circumstances
in retaining the film because it could have been ordered returned
at any time and we would have had to produce it. I am also aware
of the possible ITOM violation and recognize the fact that it
could not possibly have been made unless the FBI Laboratory were
to positively identify the source of the film as being out of
state. This would give us a lead, but on the meager information
furnished by LA JOY, it would still leave much investigation to
be conducted. At this point, I feel that the Bureau should have
been advised that we were retaining the film and informed of the
contemplated action by the Chicago Office. This matter will be
followed closely and the Bureau will be advised of our possession
of this film and the pending action.

SAC M. W. JOHNSON: I will closely follow to see that the Bureau
(10/5/64) is advised and that as soon as the motion is
MWJ:wmn decided and if favorable, the film will be
immediately submitted to the FBI Laboratory for
its possible assistance in the ITOM investigation. The Bureau
should have been advised that we were retaining the film pending
decision on motion for its immediate return by defense counsel.

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